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Welcome to Grey Towers

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Amid birthday cake and music by the *Fiddlin' Foresters*, Grey Towers National Historic Landmark reopened on August 11, Gifford Pinchot's birthday, to showcase its restoration and renovation. Work will continue on the landscaping of the estate, but the home of the Pinchot family will be open for tours daily starting in September and October of 2001.



Gifford Pinchot (1865-1946), eldest son of the home's builder, dedicated his life's work to the conservation of this country's natural resources. In various federal forestry positions starting in 1896, he championed sustainable forest management and the restoration of those resources that had been destroyed. He also served two terms as Governor of

Pennsylvania in the 1920s and 1930s.

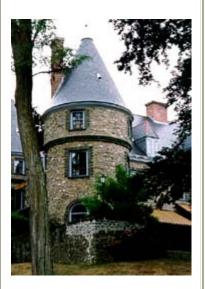


Grey Towers, the family summer home, was designed in the style of a 15th century French castle by Richard Morris Hunt and built by Gifford's father, James. The estate was given to the USDA Forest

Service by Gifford's son in 1963. Now restored to



The porch of Grey Towers in 2001.



(Above) Grey Towers on Open House Day.

the era when Gifford and his wife, Cornelia Bryce Pinchot, lived there, it will welcome visitors with tours and education on the mission of the Forest Service, and operate as a conference center for the Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies.

(Left, above) Gifford Pinchot on the porch of Grey Towers with his parents (Photo courtesy of USDA Forest Service, Grey Towers). (Left) A stone wall and finial at Grey Towers.